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THE MINING OUTLOOK.

The sale of the Omega mine the past week, to M. J. Sullivan and Edward Koch, Chicago capitalists, for the insignificant sum of \$6000, shows how valuable property can be picked up here for a little money, the price being utterly at variance with the value of the mine. There are other properties here having equally as good a showing that can be bought as cheaply. The Contention was originally sold for \$10,000, and produced millions. Doubtless there are other mines here that will prove to be the equal of that great bullion producer; however it will require capital to prove this and when the speculative spirit of the country changes from land to mines, as it surely will, Tombstone will take rank as the greatest mining camp of the age.

It is universally conceded that our mining ground has not been half prospected. In nearly every instance that comes to our mind, where systematic and thorough development has been made, the result has proven favorable. Take any one of our mines that has reached water level, and the ore shoots have been continuous and richer, sufficiently so to cover the additional cost of extraction. There is no longer any doubt that the ore goes down and improves with depth. The water question would long ago have been solved but for the unfortunate accident whereby the Grand Central pumps were destroyed by fire; but now that that energetic and wealthy company are showing their faith by their new works they are erecting in the position of the old ones, more substantial than ever, it is safe to predict that the time is not far distant when the pumps of the three leading companies of the camp will be working in harmony.

The day has gone by when "pay" can be expected from the grass roots in this camp. The bonanzas are near the water level and below. The Emerald mine is a case in point. That property, while it was considered a good prospect, was in the hands of poor men, and went begging for a buyer at a low price for years. Finally the Grand Central Company took hold of it, and by systematically developing it to the water level, 600 feet in depth, and from one end of the claim to the other, have made it perhaps the best mine in the camp to-day, being a large producer of rich ore and paying well. They had the nerve to develop, and are now reaping their reward. We know of a dozen or more claims in this district whose surface indications promise fully as well as did those of the Emerald, which only await the touch of the magic wand of capital to become as great, perhaps. "Coyotizing" and chloiding may be better than allowing a property to lie idle, and there may be some mines which can only be made to pay when worked by that process, but as a rule it is disastrous. Systematic mining, which involves large outlay for dead work, can only make a permanent camp such as Tombstone is destined to be. And hence it is we are glad to welcome the English and Chicago capitalists who have recently made investments in our camp; we trust and believe their money will be returned to them an hundredfold.

The managing editor of the New York Herald and the foreman of the composing room are now in Paris assisting Mr. James Gordon Bennett in Americanizing Gallighini Messenger, a recent purchase by Mr. Bennett.

W. P. Blake, professor of Geology at Harvard College who will be remembered as an expert witness in the Contention and Center suit here several years ago, has been exploring the wonders of California recently. He declares the great Yosemite Valley is simply the bed of an immense glacier and that ice action only ceased quite recently in California.

J. W. Pierce, of New York City, has just left that city for San Francisco to prosecute a claim against the state of California for \$8,000,000. The fortune, which is in the hands of the state, is due to Mr. Pierce from the estate of a bachelor uncle, an Englishman, who went to the gold fields in 1849. The case comes up in the courts in September.

There are just as good lands along the San Pedro river in this county as are being sold for \$1000 an acre in Southern California. This climate, both in summer and winter, is perfection. Besides there is a good market for everything produced right here at home. It is only a question of a short time until the latent resources of Cochise county will be developed, when at least a moderate boom may be expected here in land.

Reports from the United States Surveyor's Office of California show that the office is almost blockaded with work in relation to applications for patents for mining claims. One of the clerks is authorized for the statement that there are "seven times" as many applications of this kind as ever before in the history of the State, and that the present clerical force in this office is utterly unable to

keep up with the work. This no doubt is a prelude to a general boom all over the West in mining property, and it behooves every man who owns a mining claim to apply promptly for a patent and thus secure that perfect title which nothing but a patent can give. As it is estimated that the total cost of obtaining a patent to a claim 1500x600 feet is not over \$350—including attorney's fees—the policy of holding back is simply suicidal and absurd.

THE CATTLE BUSINESS.

M. D. Thatcher, a leading banker of Pueblo Col., who is largely interested in cattle, and holds considerable cattle "paper," writes to a friend in Las Vegas in the following language:

My judgment is that the cattle business is still a legitimate business, but one that such large profits cannot be realized from soon again. If a cattleman has a good ranch, that he is sure of controlling for any length of time, I think he is all right beyond question, providing of course, that he has the other necessary qualifications to succeed in business. I have no hesitancy in saying to the cattlemen of the class named. With a good ranch I would not hesitate a moment to go into the business. Cattle are so cheap now that I think it perfectly safe to count on a reaction within a year or two, as by that time a man would have his cattle ready for market, if they would be bought now.

Commenting upon the above the New Mexican Stock Grower says:

This opinion of Mr. Thatcher's is shared very generally by moneyed men, who see in the present depression in cattle values an opportunity by purchasing now to make a "perfectly safe" investment. The man who has secured his ranch holdings and is a business man, will in the future of the cattle business, have no occasion to go about with the mourners. It is not so much a question of nerve in staying with cattle raising now as it is a matter of good judgment. It requires a simple faith in one of the inexorable laws of trade. The day of greatly enhanced values for cattle stocks is not so far removed as the frightened ones would have us believe.

A Warning.

G. W. Chapman whose duty it is to collect license taxes, it is said can distinguish a drummer by the smell, and is not backward in boning him. Altogether he is a faithful and efficient officer, and is celebrated for his infatigable among commercial travelers all over the country. Speaking of smells, it is related of "Chap." that when acting as express agent on the Southern Pacific several years ago he had in his charge a casket containing the corpse of a one-lunged tourist who had gone to Southern California to die, and had succeeded. The trip across the Colorado desert with the thermometer at 130 degrees had converted the remains of the tourist into gas, and that of the most offensive character. The pressure upon the metal became so great the seams of the casket parted, and the stench in the express car became unbearable. Arrived at Yuma, the engine was taking water at the tank which stood at the river bank, while the cars stood upon the bridge. Ha! what does "Chap." do? Here history does not record; but certain it is a splash was seen in the muddy waters of the Colorado, and the remains of the consumptive tourist were never after heard of. The air became sweeter as the train rolled through our beautiful Arizona; the birds sang their usual songs, and the one-lunged tourists who came here instead of making the mistake of going to California, recovered their health and became cattle kings, or rich mine owners, or bad men as the case may be. These facts are mentioned merely to show the festive drummer that "Chap." won't do to fool with, and that the best thing they can do is to walk up to the Captain's office and pungle.

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THEY DO IT AGAIN.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express Car
Rifled.The Robbery of April Last Again
Repeated.The West Bound Train is "Held Up" at
the Old Place.

(Tucson Citizen, August 12).

To the surprise of the railroad officials the western bound express failed to come in on time last night although it had passed Pantano in good shape and on time. As midnight approached and still no sign of the missing train, it was decided to send out a locomotive to see what had become of her. As the relief engine neared Papago station the engineer was startled by the rapid firing of a revolver on the track in his front. Being apprehensive that something had gone wrong with the express and not caring to be made a target of, he reversed his engine and slowly backed towards town. Finally hearing some one call he stopped, and was speedily overtaken by a hand car coming from the direction of Papago containing conductor Gillespie and W. G. Whorf of this city, who stated that the express had been robbed about a mile east of the last "hold up." They continued on into town and reported the facts to Superintendent Noble, who ordered out the wrecking train and also notified Sheriff Shibley and Deputy U. S. Marshal Underwood. The wrecking train left at the earliest possible moment for the scene of the trouble. Under Sheriff Shibley accompanied by five deputies, Marshal Underwood, Supt. Noble, Master Mechanic Bonner, Drs. Handy and Alder, H. B. Tenney of the Citizen, P. L. Crovat, M. S. Snyder, and several other gentlemen were on board. They reached the robbed train about five o'clock this morning and found the engine and tender overturned, the mail and forward trucks of the baggage car off the track, the express car robbed and several persons slightly injured, but no one killed and no other damage done. The following particulars were gained on the grounds by the Citizen representative from eye witnesses and those personally engaged in the hold up:

THE HOLD UP.

Locomotive No. 95, James Guthrie engineer, and R. T. Bradford fireman with the western bound express passed Pantano on schedule time and was laboring up grade from the Cienega; suddenly when about one mile east of the scene of the last train robbery a red light flashed in the air and torpedoes exploded on the track. Guthrie endeavored to stop, by throwing the full force of the air brake against the wheels. It was too late, however, to save the engine, as a gravel switch at that point had been opened and the locomotive thundered a few lengths along the ties and then stopped and with the tender slowly careened over. Guthrie sprang out and landed in the top of a mesquite tree about fifty feet below at the bottom of the fill, but before Bradford could follow the engine and tender had so closed as to bar exit in that direction. He then jumped through the cab window but kept his hold till his feet touched the ground, when he let go and rolled down to the bottom of the embankment, where he was joined by Guthrie. Both fearful of being crushed by the engine, which they expected to follow them, they ran across the bottom and secreted themselves. Guthrie, notwithstanding his big jump, was uninjured, but Bradford was slightly injured about the hips.

In the meantime the robbers went ahead with their work. They first turned their attention to the express car, and as it was locked, demanded that it be opened by the messenger, and on his refusing compliance, they hung a stick of giant powder against the door and blew it open. The rent in the door was sufficiently large to admit the body of a man, and two of the robbers were soon in the car.

The car was occupied by Messenger Smith and Route Agent Gault. Smith it will be remembered is the same messenger that was in the express car on the occasion of the former robbery and secreted some \$5,000 in the stove. The robbers on getting into the car at once recognized him and one of them jocosely said, "Smithy, the stove racket don't go this time." He refused to open the safe, but was brought to time by a few taps over the head with a revolver, which bruised him up considerably. They then went through the safe, and so far as can be learned, cleaned out the American money. There was considerable Mexican coin but they took sparingly of it, and what they did take they afterwards left. From the express they went to the mail car, looked through it but molested nothing.

As soon as the robbers had secured their plunder they walked west on the track for possibly 100 yards then crossed down and into the cienega, over and to a small knoll on the north bank. There they rested and coolly discussed the situation. Guthrie and Bradford, from their place of concealment distinctly heard one of the robbers say, "Our meeting place is further up." While on the knoll one of them gave a loud and peculiar whistle and shortly afterwards they left in the direction of the Rincon mountains.

The trail was taken up at 6 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Shibley and five deputies, all mounted, and a Mexican trailer on foot. They had proceeded but

a short distance when they found \$1,000 in Mexican silver where it had been abandoned by the robbers. Two linen dusters, one American \$20 gold piece, one silver dollar and one half dollar American money were also found. These things were taken charge of by Mr. Underwood and the posse kept on the trail, since which time nothing has been heard of them.

At the request of the United States Marshal, Major Noyes kindly furnished a detachment of 15 cavalrymen to aid in pursuit, and stated that he would furnish as many more as wanted.

THE LATEST.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Underwood returned last evening from the front. He learned that the sheriff's posse had come on to the place where the plunder had apparently been divided, about two and a half miles northeast of the point of the robbery. A great many money express packages had been opened, the paper and sacks having been left on the ground. This point is in a canyon which runs towards the San Pedro. The party divided, two of them going up the canyon and two down. The sheriff's posse also divided each following a trail.

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